



Australia at a glance



DEMOGRAPHY**1977-78 1982-83 1987-88****Population and vitals**

Population at 30 June	'000	14,359.3	15,393.5	p16,531.9
aged less than 15	%	26.1	24.4	p22.3
aged 15-64	%	64.7	65.7	p66.8
aged 65 and over	%	9.2	10.0	p10.9
Births	'000	226	242	p246
Deaths	'000	108	113	p120
Marriages	'000	102	116	p114
Divorces	'000	43	43	40

Overseas movements

Net permanent and long term movement	'000	+56	+75	+143
Visitor arrivals, short term	'000	581	930	1,991
Resident departures, short term	'000	1,005	1,259	1,652

LABOUR**1986 1987 1988****Labour force**

Civilian labour force, May — males	'000	4,566	4,637	4,723
Civilian labour force, May — females	'000	3,007	3,102	3,225
Unemployed persons, May	'000	595	635	593
Job vacancies, May	'000	54.4	53.8	58.5
Trade union membership, June	'000	3,186.2	3,240.1	3,213.0
Industrial disputes, work days lost, June	'000	1,446.6	1,126.9	1,690.5

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Award rates of pay index — full-time adult employees (at 30 June)	1965 = 100	104.0	109.8	114.2
Earnings, all employees, November	\$	380.60	401.80	na
Hours (incl overtime), full-time non-managerial adult employees, November	no	39.7	39.8	na

FINANCE**1985-86 1986-87 1987-88****Government finance**

Revenue (all governments)	\$m	45,472	46,475	108,937
Crown income tax persons	\$m	32,713	34,467	41,475
Other Crown government taxes	\$m	12,759	12,008	15,909
State and local government taxes	\$m	14,002	16,000	14,944
Total (all govts) (all governments)	\$m	100,342	111,122	114,144
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	13,754	14,547	16,915
Personal benefit payments	\$m	21,937	24,534	27,144
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	16,374	16,429	17,244

Private finance

Trading bank deposits	\$m	14,114	16,766	61,652
Current bank	\$m	4,264	5,042	61,756
Savings bank deposits	\$m	4,264	5,042	61,756
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Housing finance (all governments)	\$m	1,621	1,091	2,149
Individuals	\$m	1,621	1,091	2,149
Trading banks	\$m	6,563	3,296	14,027
Savings banks	\$m	2,552	2,070	3,636
Permanent building societies	\$m	4,254	6,317	9,451
Public and trusts (all assets)	\$m	6,423	9,624	11,718
Listed	\$m	9,307	3,371	3,697
Unlisted	\$m	9,307	3,371	3,697
Cash management	\$m	9,307	3,371	3,697

PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES**1985-86 1986-87 1987-88****Agriculture**

Gross value of agriculture	\$m	15,406	17,153	p19,990
Crops	\$m	7,378	7,618	p7,677
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	3,896	4,611	p5,022
Livestock products	\$m	4,125	4,916	p7,283
Wheat production	'000 t	16,167	16,190	12,287
Wool production	'000 t	616	646	730
Meat production	'000 t	2,234	2,358	2,461

Mining

Iron ore and concentrates ^(a)	'000 t	97,660	97,449	102,188
Black coal	'000 t	155,604	182,254	168,246
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	mega ltr	31,671	31,520	31,264
Natural gas	giga ltr	14,274	14,488	15,250

Manufacturing

Steel ingots	'000 t	6,826	6,387	6,093
Cement	'000 t	6,106	5,920	6,150
Tobacco and cigarettes	'000 t	27	28	27
Beer	m. ltr	1,863	1,861	1,859
Assembled, complete motor vehicles	'000	391	323	337
Electricity	m.kWh	124,381	130,122	136,840
Electric motors — under 720 W	'000	1,961	2,150	2,388
Yarn — Cotton	tonnes	20,497	21,161	20,667
Yarn — Wool	tonnes	23,792	23,058	23,319

Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.)

\$m	52,520	56,808	70,880
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^(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.**PRICE INDEXES****1985-86 1986-87 1987-88**

Consumer (8 capital cities)	1980-81 = 100	148.7	162.6	174.5
Export	1974-75 = 100	236	243	265
Import	1981-82 = 100	143.8	159.6	162.0
Building materials — House	1985-86 = 100	100.0	105.8	113.8
Building materials — Other	1979-80 = 100	167.9	180.9	196.8
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85 = 100	104.9	105.4	111.4
Articles produced	1968-69 = 100	430.3	456.5	492.1

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**1985-86 1986-87 1987-88**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m	236,202	260,379	291,887
Gross farm product	\$m	8,993	10,098	12,046
GDP at 1979-80 prices	\$m	221,228	227,249	235,371
Gross farm product at 1979-80 prices	\$m	8,947	9,598	9,398
Gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	58,240	62,940	69,871
Gross fixed capital exp. — private	\$m	41,670	43,562	52,565
Household income	\$m	193,813	213,923	233,249
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	141,252	154,452	169,094

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS**1985-86 1986-87 1987-88****Foreign trade**

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	32,793	35,806	40,946
Total imports	\$m	34,691	36,988	40,591
Percentage of total exports				
to — Japan	%	26.4	25.4	26.0
Percentage of total exports				
to — EEC	%	14.2	15.7	15.6
Percentage of total imports				
from — Japan	%	23.8	20.8	19.3
Percentage of total imports				
from — USA	%	21.0	21.9	21.0

Major export commodities, f.o.b.

Wool (greasy)	\$m	2,286	2,839	4,274
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	\$m	1,701	2,249	2,559
Wheat	\$m	2,969	2,168	1,775
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	1,612	2,612	2,732
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m	4,848	4,650	5,284
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	5,240	5,456	4,834
Sugar	\$m	616	659	669

Major import commodities

Machinery	\$m	10,765	11,358	12,169
Transport equipment	\$m	4,377	4,031	4,199
Chemicals and related products	\$m	3,024	3,472	4,274

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$m	-14,809	-13,163	-12,318
Balance of merchandise trade				
(B.O.P. basis)	\$m	-3,468	-1,736	151
Net services	m	-4,101	-3,489	-3,247
Net income	\$m	-8,057	-9,267	-10,961
Net unrequited transfers	\$m	817	1,309	1,759
Balance on capital account	\$m	14,311	10,058	3,676
Total official	\$m	7,550	2,195	499
Total non-official	\$m	6,761	7,871	8,177

TRANSPORT**1985-86 1986-87 1987-88**

Motor vehicles on register, June	'000	9,291	9,374	9,544
Cars and station wagons, June	'000	6,985	7,073	7,244
New motor vehicles registered**	'000	645	492	489
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	m	11,272	12,043	13,079
Overseas services				
(Australair airlines)	m	18,233	21,259	21,4

** Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

BUILDING**1985-86 1986-87 1987-88**

New houses (number completed)	'000	1,182	1,111	1,211
New other dwellings (number completed)	'000	543	481	487
Value of new dwellings completed	\$m	1,317	1,296	1,414
Value of other buildings completed	\$m	1,162	1,254	1,447

Note: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES — 1987

Country	Estimated Population (millions)	Surface Area km ² (000s)	Population density (per sq km of surface area)
Australia	16.26	7 682.3	2
Canada	25.65	9 976.1	3
France	55.63	551.5	101
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	61.17	248.6	246
Italy	57.35	301.3	190
Japan	122.09	377.8	323
Netherlands	14.66	40.8	359
New Zealand	3.28	268.7	12
Sweden	8.40	440.9	19
United Kingdom	56.89	244.1	233
USA	243.77	9 372.6	26

	Birth rate (per 1000)	Life expectancy at birth		Consumer price index 1980 = 100.0
		Male	Female	
Australia	15.1	73.03	79.42	176.2
Canada	14.5	71.88	78.98	155.5
France	13.8	71.84	75.82	167.3
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	10.8	71.78	78.08	121.0
Italy	9.6	71.25	77.78	211.0
Japan	11.1	74.84	80.46	115.3
Netherlands	12.7	72.34	79.67	122.0
New Zealand	16.9	70.97	78.62	231.0
Sweden	12.5	73.79	79.69	167.0
United Kingdom	13.6	71.40	77.22	152.4
USA	14.4	71.27	78.27	111.4

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Canada: National Longitudinal Survey, 1984

France: National Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, December 1986

Germany: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, 1986

Italy:

Japan: Statistical Yearbook, 1986

Netherlands: Statistical Yearbook, 1986

New Zealand: Statistical Yearbook, 1986

Sweden: Statistical Yearbook, 1986

United Kingdom: Statistical Yearbook, 1986

USA: Statistical Yearbook, 1986

States of Australia

		NSW	Vic
Area	'000 sq km	802	225
Population (June 1988) ^a	000	5,699.3	4,268.3
Crops (area sown) 1987-88 ^a	'000 hect	4,908	2,159
Numbers at 31-3-86 — Sheep and lambs ^a	mil	64.9	27.9
Numbers at 31-3-88 — Cattle and calves ^a	mil	5.8	3.7
Output			
Shorn Wool 1987-88p ^a	000 tonnes	251.8	128.2
Wheat for grain 1987-88p ^a	'000 tonnes	3,997	1,882
Beef and veal 1987-88p	'000 tonnes	402	309
Mutton and lamb 1987-88p	000 tonnes	177	199
Whole milk intake by factories 1987-88	mln litres	831	3,649
Copper (metallic content) 1986-87	000 tonnes	32	—
Iron ore and concentrates 1986-87	000 tonnes	—	—
Tin concentrate 1986-87	tonnes	486	—
Coal (saleable) 1986-87	000 tonnes	73,312	7
Crude oil (incl condensate) 1986-87	mega litres	—	23,109
Natural gas 1986-87	giga litres	—	5,644
Gross value of production			
Agriculture 1987-88p	\$m	5,933	4,455
Fishing 1986-87	\$m	n.a.	n.a.
Value added			
Mining 1986-87	\$m	2,315	2,239
Manufacturing 1986-87 ^a	\$m	16,702	15,660
Income per head of mean population 1986-87	\$	13,663	13,983

^a Data from annual Agricultural Census. ^a Source: Joint Coal Board.

^a Source: Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

^a Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed.

Capital cities

		Sydney	Melbourne
Population (June 1986)	000	3,531.6	2,305.5
Average annual rainfall	mm	1,214	65
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.7	5
Temperature			
January average maximum	°C	25.8	25
January average minimum	°C	18.4	14
July average maximum	°C	15.5	13
July average minimum	°C	7.9	5

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1727	384	2526	88	1346	2	7,682
37429	14080	15439	4484	1558	2733	16,5319
2270	2990	8334	84	13	1	18,3599
144	174	340	47	—	—	1524
88	09	17	05	14	—	225
855	1006	1635	193	—	04	7295
718	1803	3882	4	—	—	12,287
809	81	101	41	25	6	1,575
28	90	75	22	—	8	589
614	378	251	306	—	—	6,129
183	—	4	27	—	—	246
—	2056	92468	1840	—	—	97,364
1271	—	731	13,804	n.p.	—	n.p.
69,020	2435	3,782	375	—	—	148,724
1969	2120	2,174	—	933	—	30,205
546	4792	3,377	—	129	—	14,488
3873	2040	2994	541	108	17	19,990
n.a.	90	n.a.	91	37	—	n.a.
3227	1009	3,469	178	711	5	13,152
5053	3,733	2,999	1,261	133	145	45,685
11478	12,380	12,309	11,837	12,955	16,425	13,111

oyed at end of year

	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
7	1,2153	10130	1,0834	1796	753	2890
5	1,151	528	873	628	1,661	626
7	75	69	79	58	84	76
8	254	295	296	215	317	277
0	209	164	177	117	247	129
3	204	150	173	115	303	111
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